

TOPIC Soviet Ordnance Depots and Repair Shops in the Soviet Zone of Germany

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1. On 1 September 1951, a German worker employed at the Soviet ordnance depot Jessen stated that, on that day and the preceding day, 180 to 200 ZIS-3 76.2-mm guns arrived at the depot to be stored there. (1)

2. About 40 JS-3 tanks were in the yard of the Soviet tank repair shop at Kirchmoeser on 17 August 1951. Four more JS-3 tanks, which seemed to be new, stood on railroad cars at the railroad station. One JS-3 tank with the number 328 on its turret left the depot. Trucks [REDACTED] left the repair shop during the period observed. (2) 25X1C

3. Vehicles seen on the premises of the tank repair shop at Kirchmoeser on 21 August included 14 tanks; 10 SP guns, probably of type SU-249 and 122-mm caliber; and 21 special trucks, which had van-like superstructures above the driver's compartment. (2)

4. In mid-September, source learned that the special construction bureau in Rathenow started construction work, allegedly of dwellings, at the tank repair shop. A construction worker said that 200 new turning lathes were delivered several days previously but that these had not yet been installed. (3)

5. On 14 August, source learned that 93 German women, who had been compulsorily drafted for work, were engaged in the cleaning of small arms at the depot on the premises of the Arado plant in Heidefeld near Hoegeolin. The weapons were hauled to, and picked up from, the depot by trucks. Trucks [REDACTED] were [REDACTED] 25X1A 25X1C

6. On 4 August, source learned that tanks and motor vehicles of units at the Neubrandenburg post and from other posts were repaired at the tank repair shop in the former torpedo test institute near Neubrandenburg. The shop was commanded by a lieutenant colonel and employed 13 to 20 Soviet officers and about 150 EM and an undetermined number of Germans. Each workshop was supervised by a Soviet officer, who was assisted by a German foreman. (5)

7. The tanks of Repair Shop [REDACTED] at Schoenbeck conducted numerous test and practice drives in August, which to a large extent destroyed the turnip crop 25X1C

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between Schoonebeck and Nelsleben. (6) The group of about 50 German women employed by the repair shop were discharged on 15 September and replaced by **Russian** women in uniform, who arrived at Magdeburg. (7)

25X1A [REDACTED] Comments.

(1) The arrival of these guns is considered possible. Another source reported the ordnance depot at Jessen to have received 150 to 160 artillery pieces on 20 August 1951. [REDACTED]. According to the present report, it is believed that the new shipment of artillery pieces is to refill the stock or that the troops are periodically sending their guns to Jessen for adjusting and harmonization.

(2) 25X1C The information confirms the 123d Central Tank Repair Shop of the GOFG, [REDACTED] at Mellrose-Kirchmoeser until mid-August 1951.

The trucks belong to a hitherto unidentified series of the Third Shock Army and to the GOFG.

(3) 25X1C The information probably refers to a supply installation of the IV Arty Corps with [REDACTED]

(4) 25X1C The Arado Plant at Heidefeld near Moegelin-Bethenow houses a Soviet ordnance depot, which is probably subordinate to the IV Arty Corps and believed to be assigned [REDACTED]. The vehicles belong to the 9th Tank Div of the First Gds Lecz Army and to the GOFG.

(5) 25X1A The information confirms the tank repair shop until the beginning of August 1951. Detailed data on the plant was contained in a previous report. See [REDACTED] 25X1A

(6) 25X1A The installation referred to is the Tank Repair Shop [REDACTED] of the Third Shock Army. [REDACTED] 25X1C

(7) 25X1A Information on the dismissal of German personnel, a measure, which will probably be revoked, was contained in a previous report. [REDACTED] 25X1A

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